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Sophs Sponsor Yuletide Dance

To inaugurate the Christmas holidays, Roosevelt sophomores sponsored the Holly Hop in the RHS gym, Dec. 5.

More than 75 couples danced in the gym decked with holly. A brightly lighted Christmas tree highlighted the decorations. From the center of the ceiling hung a large bell surrounded by smaller bells. Murals, depicting Christmas scenes, hung on the walls.

Ruben Nolf's "Music Makers" provided music for dancing. A quartet, composed of Jerry Leland, Leonard Stark, Ronald Lancaster, and Beaver Nash entertained during the floor show. Jo Anne Yeatman played a piano solo, **Clair de Lune,** and Grace Wollam sang **O Holy Night.** White-coated waiters served ice cream and cake during the intermission.

Carol Batchelor and Beaver Nash, Sue Griffin and Jerry Leland acted as special hosts and hostesses.

Chaperones for the party included: Mr. and Mrs. Norris Nash, Mr. and Mrs. David Wilmore, Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. William Durant, and guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Menzi and Mr. and Mrs. William Wilcox.

Term Projects Hold Interest

Yes, it's term paper time again. If you doubt the truth of this statement, just glance around the library some time. You will see some people rushing from the card catalog to the vertical files and others to the book shelves and encyclopedias. This is the time of year that you can use that old urge and write about the topic that interests you most — Almost sounds easy, doesn't it?

Barb Batchelor, Rose Ann Evans, and Sue McDermott are writing on the **Race Problem;** Barb Fey has chosen **Group Medicine** as her topic; Forrie Davidson, **Alaska;** Bertha Alexander is explaining the **Economic Problems of Europe;** Don Dusbiber, **Automobile Industry:** Marian Aldrich, **Books Every Child's Librarian Should Know;** Ruth Caldwell, **Religion in the School;** Hazel McConnell, **Henry Ford-Career of a Great American;** and Dick Cullen, **The History of the Constitution.**

Giving Takes Root In Gift House

RHS Gift House Encourages Unlimited Pupil Generosity

To the Giant Stocking and Gift House succeeding generations of Roosevelt pupils have brought their Christmas offerings.

Miss Margaret Wise, former first grade teacher, in 1894 moved by the poem, "A Christmas Wish" decided to have her boys and girls fill a stocking for the needy. She now recalls the jingle of the sleigh bells as she drove her cutter about delivering the children's offerings to three Ypsilanti families.

Gift House Replaces Stocking

As the years rolled past, Miss Wise broadened the sphere of giving until the Giant Stocking grew too small. Then she promoted the Gift House which each Christmas occupies the RHS foyer.

First grade Santas rule over this choice domain from the Thanksgiving to the Christmas recess. From this experience they carry memories of generous, thoughtful, and gracious giving.

Tom Willoughby, senior, recalls a little classmate who gave away her own precious new mittens. Dean Russell, Ronald Lancaster, Dick Leck, David Thomas, and Bruce Keller, Santas of other years, recall how some giver shared with the underprivileged something choice. For all of these Santas, Miss Eleanor Meston has been the mentor.

RHS Giving Covers World

From this Gift House, the generosity of RHS pupils has encompassed the world. First, the giving was local, just Ypsilanti; then it was national, the mountain schools of the South; then it was international, England, evacuated children and nursery schools; and now it is the world. Wherever there are cries for books or clothes or food, that cry is being heard and heeded.

Pupils To Present Christmas Assembly

Roosevelt High will hold its annual Christmas assembly in the school auditorium, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m.

Mr. Lawrence DeBoer, Miss Thelma McAndless, Miss Lillian Ashby, Mr. William Fitch, and Velma Streicher have arranged a Yuletide program.

Under Rosann Evans' direction, the juniors will present a play entitled, **The Littlest Shepperd.** Hazel McConnell will give a Christmas reading.

To further the Christmas atmosphere, the grades VII and VIII and mixed chorus will sing under the direction of Miss Asby. The orchestra, under the baton of Mr. Fitch, will play Christmas selections.

Roosevelt Aids Europe's Youth

Through its "Save the Children" affiliation, Roosevelt pupils are, for the fourth year, giving support to the needy children of Europe. The purpose of the organization is to make permanent friendships across the sea that will work towards lasting peace.

With the assistance of the faculty Women's Club and private contributions, Roosevelt elementary students have raised $500 in the last three years. In addition to the money contributions, much clothing has been shipped to Europe. The Gift House each Christmas plays an important part in this program by sending its offerings overseas.

RHS Supports Oversea Schools

The Vendelee school, which has received Roosevelt's support, is located in Brittany. This school was in the path of the invading military forces and was totally destroyed. Through Roosevelt's contributions, both monetary and otherwise, Vendelee is on its way to recovery. Last year the Gift House sent one case of clothing and thirty pairs of shoes to these school children.

In 1945, Roosevelt gave aid to two schools in Belgium, one in Liege, the other in Grandemenil, in Luxembourg. The school had been taken and retaken seven times during the battle of the Bulge.

Elementary Teacher Heads Cause

Miss Marguerite Hetsmansperger, second grade teacher, and Roosevelt director for **Save the Children Federation,** is still in contact with all the sponsorships. Correspondence is encouraged between children overseas and children in this country.

Home Workshop Group Makes Plans For Year

Roosevelt's Home Workshop Club held its first meeting, Nov. 20, in room 109, with 40 boys attending.

Bill Shaw is the new president with Freddie Richardson and Tom Schill assisting him as vice-president and secretary, respectively.

The boys discussed the aims of the club and the projects they would undertake during the year. Their present project is toys for Christmas.

Christmas Spirit--Perpetual, Universal

by Charles Elliott

Many people have a personal concept of the spirit of Christmas. Almost anyone can enumerate with ease the special symbols that he associates with Christmas. He might name the things familiar to all of us; things which are always connected with the holiday. He might name special things associated with his own life.

However, the true Christmas Spirit means more than these material symbols. It is not an annual thing to be unpacked, dusted off, and used for a few weeks each year. It is, in a sense, the Spirit of giving, any time and all the time. It should know no boundaries of time and distance — it should be universal and indestructible.

While mankind is struggling to raise its head once more and live in peace, it is fitting that this Christmas Spirit should come forth and impress itself on the people of the United States, and enable them to help those struggling and hard pressed humans abroad. Let us hope, then, that this Christmas Spirit may extend and increase until it is truly universal.

America Nurtures Peace With Friendship Train

Peace on earth, good will toward men. Surely America's Friendship Train is a practical and benevolent way of carrying out this age-old ideal.

As Friendship Train travels across the continent from Glendale, California, to New York, collecting carload after carload of food at each stop, ever doubling and redoubling in size, it becomes a symbol of America's willingness to sacrifice that our country may share its vast resources with the starved peoples of the world.

This nation-wide project is a magnificent example of democracy in action. As such it takes on added significance, for a world ridden by isms can see what a Do-Democracy, with its heart and soul dedicated to a common cause, can accomplish. Friendship Train is carrying not only food to all lands but hope as well and the century old message **Peace on earth, good will toward men.**

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Spotter Views Vacation Plans

With Christmas vacation coming everybody wants to know what everybody else is going to do. This is what a few of Roosevelt's students are planning.

Alice Parker and Ruth Franklin —write term paper

Barbara Fey — take a trip to New York

Ted Boggs — hitch hike to Florida

Grace Wollam and Kenny (Doc) Kimlin — sleep

Betty Pyle — house clean

Ruth Caldwell — work at McLellan's

Inge Heesch, Sharyne Sturgeon, Barb Lounsberry, and Rosann Evans — take a trip (manhunting)

Marilyn Cooper — recuperate from her party.

Don Vest — go to North Pole to see if there is really a Santa Claus

Carl Signor — work on Model T Ford

Paul Benson — go to Grand Rapids to see a girl

John Chipman — work on Model A

Alice Barnes — count the days until Spring Vacation

Mrs. Magoon — go camping in Northern Michigan

Miss Robinson — visit sister in Chicago.

Off The Record

Long Ago and Far Away — the school colors were purple and gray.

Night and Day — dreaming of Christmas vacation.

Till We Meet Again — on the senior stairs.

I Want A Girl — Dick McNamara.

You're Not So Easy To Forget — football season.

It's A Pity To Say Goodnight — Christmas party.

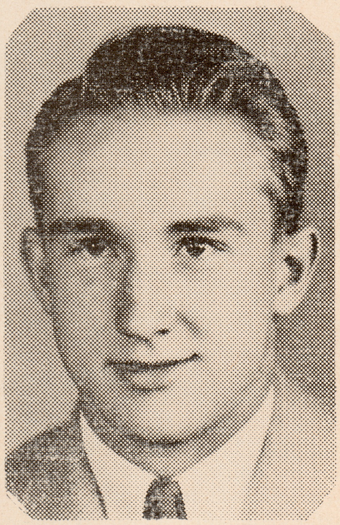
Anchors Aweigh — Senior Trip.

At 8 PM Pa and Ma
Helped entertain with sis.
Both June and Dick in distant seats
Sat .. far .. apart .. like .. this.

At 9 PM, as Pa withdrew
And sought his room upstairs
The lovers found some photographs,
And nearer brought their chairs.

At 10 PM Ma decamped
And then, ye gods, what bliss!
The lovers sat till nearly one,
Aboutascloseasthis.

PRESIDENT OF **Student Council** SAYS



For many years, the Roosevelt Student Council has followed the practice of "recommendation." That is, instead of passing strict laws, we suggest or recommend certain points which we think will improve our school.

There are many advantages in this system. Two of the most outstanding are: (1) the student body as a whole responds courteously, and (2) with this system, no "courts" or enforcing officers are needed.

Some schools have student courts which serve punishment on offenders. Roosevelt has seldom followed this practice. Instead, the honor of the student has been sufficient to insure the success of this plan. Honor is definitely basic to the freedom we have at Roosevelt. **Don't mislay it.**

Bill Sweet

Camping Mysteries Captivate RHS Soph

by Jim Johnston

I have often made camp alone in the woods. With no one with me and no one to talk to, I have lain awake beside my little camp fire listening to the many sounds carried by the wind through the deep dark woods.

One cold, dark, windy night as I lay beside the fire, curled up in my sleeping bag, I could almost hear voices echoing thru the woods. Maybe they were real voices. It seemed they were calling out commands, as if they were soldiers. I could also hear an old owl hooting his wisdom of the night and of the secrets that lie within the woods.

All these sounds together made one big mystery. To have been alone in the woods is to know and feel this mystery.

Council Preparing Gift Boxes

Appearing in this picture, reading from left to right — second row; Lois Beyer, Lorene Shough, Wilma Deck, Don Osborne, Barbara Benedict, Doris Rendel, Doris Decker, Miss Virginia Cooper, and Sandra Kilgore. First row; Carolyn Bayer, Tom Rogers, Agnes Spitza, Joy Faily, Mildred Meadows.

Red Cross Unit Solicits Funds For Aid Abroad

Roosevelt's Junior Red Cross representatives are providing needed school, health, and recreational supplies for Europe and Asia's children by soliciting money and materials from the junior and senior high school home rooms.

The Council filled 21 boxes valued at $2 each. These contained, for example, enough pencils for 63 children, bars of soap for 30 children, tooth paste and tooth brushes for 21 children, and toys for 75 children.

Although each one of the 21 boxes supposedly goes to an individual child, the need is so urgent that the children share with each other.

RC Helps Many

In addition to filling the boxes the Council has been preparing 255 menu covers for Percy Jones Hospital at Battle Creek. It has also contributed $26.88 to the work of the National office.

The Junior High School is working on an international booklet that it will send to the country of its choice. In the letter-booklet will be drawings, stories, and illustrations.

Publicity Prevents Fires

The publicity committee is putting on a campaign to stop forest fires with the help of the U. S. Department of Agriculture — Forest Service. Several posters have been displayed in the corridors along with illustrations and bookmarks in the library.

In the spring the Council hopes to do something for the National Children's Fund, which is a fund that provides any needy here and abroad with medical and educational aids, food, and clothing.

Meet Your Library; Slogan of Campaign

(Editors note: The Rough Rider recently inducted Roosevelt into the "Meet Your Library" campaign. The following article is a continuation of the interview with Miss Margaret Robinson, school librarian, which appeared in the fourth issue.)

"What audio and visual aids are available through the library?"

The records in the library are poems, orations, plays, primarily for use of English and social study classes. Classical records are kept in the music department library. The dance records are kept in the general office since they are supervised by the social committee of the Student Council.

We have filmstrips and slides catalogued in our special collection. Most of our films are secured from the U. of M. Extension Film Service. To date (this year) three library films —**How to Use a Library, It's All Yours,** and **How to Read a Book** have been shown in English classes. The visual and auditory equipment is available at the school office.

The reference file is kept up to date by clipping unbound magazines, as well as from contributions by students and faculty of Roosevelt. Complete lists of radio programs, suitable for classroom use, are available in the library."

"Does the library have an up to date file of p amphlets?"

"Yes, it has. These are kept

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Sooper Snooper

Hold your hats! I've really been busy this last week.

Our 2 o'clock library pals almost got dishpan hands. Seems they were scrubbing table tops. I overheard Joy Faily asking Miss Robinson for janitors' references!

Wandering down to the eighth grade home room I found that Beverly Lounsberry, Phillip Wiard, Marilyn Harris and Max Pell double-dated for the movies (Duel in the Sun, no less) last week.

Rumors are flying that Marilyn Cooper is going to have a Christmas party — a large item on any junior's calendar.

Training my eyes (telescopic, you know) on Ypsi High at the Thanksgiving party, I saw several RHS kids there. Included were Margaret Jones, Dot Bowers, and Jim Chappell. Some shindig!

Did anyone else see that game of progressive ping pong between the juniors and seniors last funnight? Even I got dizzy!

Here's a last minute report. Flash! Virginia "Mitch" Mitchell's got a new man — ex-sailor Don Pickens. To make that a cozy quartet, let's include Maggie Bloom and Ervin Lewis.

See you soon. Keep your secrets covered! You might be the next to come under my super spy equipment.

Here's to our faculty,
Long may they live,
Even as long,
As the lessons they give.

Pupils Wire Santa Yuletide Telegrams

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a black hot rod with red fenders.
Ted Boggs

Dear Kris Kringle,
Please get me on the RHS basketball reserves.
Dick Royal

Dear Santa Claus,
May I have some non-clicking knitting needles to use in English.
Sue McDermott

Dear Santa Claus,
Please **rush** me a book "How to say 'no' nicely."
George Menzi

Dear Mr. Claus,
Please send me the secret of growing in ten easy lessons.
Janie Faily

Dear Saint Nick,
I'd be very satisfied if you'd give me that certain college freshman.
Alice Barnes

Dear Santa Claus,
Please send me a good report card for Christmas.
Bob Davis

Dear Santa,
I want something with brown hair and blue eyes called a boy.
Nancy Lathers

Dear Santa,
Please sent me a left-handed monkey wrench and sky hook.
John Cole

Dear Santa Claus,
Could you arrange for me to have a perfect attendance record this year?
Jeanette Wallace.

News Notes

Wednesday, Nov. 26, the fifth grade, under the direction of Miss Florence Eddy and her student teachers, presented a Thanksgising assembly. The stage was decorated by Miss Anita Zentner and her art classes, and the music was under the direction of Miss Lillian Ashby.

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Roosevelt's Mixed Chorus sang at the annual College Christmas Concert at Pease Auditorium, Dec. 11. Selections offered were Gloria Patri, Richard de Castre's Prayer, and an old French Carol.

Quintet Cops Cheering Post

"Let's have a Yea Team!" A spirited atmosphere prevailed in the RHS auditorium the noon of Nov. 19, as the quintet composed of Barb Stokes, Margie Lutz, Barb Banks, Jackie Wright, and Jane Stoltz captured the position of reserve cheerleaders.

Competition ran high throughout the contest as the quartet, composed of Sue Griffin, Mary Jane Chamberlain, Jo Durant, and Gretchen Williamson, provide stiff opposition.

A ballot vote was taken among the ten judges with a tie the result. Chance made the final decision as the freshmen quintet won by the flip of a coin.

Mr. Leonard Menzi, Mr. William Wilcox, Barb Benedict, Jeanette Wallace, Ann Cleary, Bill Sweet, Mary Brown, Duncan Magoon, Jane Faily, and Alicia Pennisi judged the contest.

Remember When

Flycatching wasn't the favorite sport during library?
The pencil sharpeners worked?
There was only one Roosevelt cheerleader?
Roosevelt won a Homecoming football game before 1947?
There wasn't a Chipman or Thomas in Roosevelt?
Tom Willoughby was Santa Claus?
Girls slept at slumber parties?
Roosevelt was surrounded by trees?

Bumpstead's Aide Gives Formula For Speedy Exit

Always on the lookout for ways to further the interests of the student body of Roosevelt High School, the Rough Rider presents this review on a topic of far-reaching significance — tardiness.

Tardiness has long been considered as unethical by all systems of higher (or lower) education. Therefore all students and administrators will applaud a report of earth shaking consequence — How To Get To School On Time — by the Voice of Experience!

After being awakened by sounds of dawn cracking, about 8:00 or thereabouts, you roll over and go back to sleep again. In the middle of a pleasant dream, the full realization of the situation reaches your subconscious mind and whammo! You are up and half dressed in a twinkling. After spending five minutes in a fruitless search for a pair of clean socks, you arrive at the breakfast table in a rather breathless, dishevelled state with the clock at the 8:25 mark. You rapidly consume those delicious stewed prunes and, putting on your coat, dash out the door in Dagwood Bumstead style.

Arriving at school, (if you are a senior) you make your way up the senior stairs, through the milling mobs of juniors who are crowding the stairs. With that deadly final bell just on the brink of ringing, you rush into your homeroom and fling yourself into your chair.

The investigators point out, however, that it is not advisable to follow the aforementioned procedure too closely — it might not always work!

Wait! Seventeen Isn't Far

by Glen Thomson

Listen my children and you shall hear the driving rules of this new year.

The day of reckoning has arrived for Michigan's 14 to 16 year-old drivers. The legislature, last June, approved an amendment which went into effect last October raising the age limit for drivers from 14 to 16. There is a clause stating that the teen-agers who must drive may secure a conditional license.

These young teen-age drivers, they concluded, were a menace to traffic safety. This conclusion was based on actual statistics showing that the drivers in this age group are potentially 110% more dangerous than drivers in the 45-50 age group.

Many of you freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who have not yet reached 17 feel that this law is unfair, but judging by the records and by our personal experience, we must concede that this law is both necessary and proper and reasonable. In many other states the minimum is 18 or 19.

Swmiming, Basketball Begin Sparked By Seven Letter Men

Roosevelt's swimming team plunged into the 1947-48 season with Tony Steimle, breast stroke champ, to captain their efforts.

Supporting Tony are four other returning lettermen, his brother Dave, individual medley, John Chipman, back stroke, Jack Arnet, diving, and Tom Willoughby, free style.

There's a strong free-style contingent, Charles Elliot, Max Wilson, Duncan Magoon, Ted Boggs, Don Whitcomb, Tom Oaks, and Don Sevey. Don Potter and Beaver Nash are back stroke contenders. Leo Swope is trying his hand at diving, while Dick Hurdley is striking out for breast stroke honors.

SWIMMING SCHEDULE

Jan. 9 — at Fordson Lowery
16 — Trenton here
20 — at Adrian
23 — U. High here
30 — at River Rouge
Feb. 6 — Adrian here
10 — River Rouge here
17 — at U. High
27 — Fordson Lowery here
20 — Trenton here
March 6 — State Meet, Lansing

Library Story

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in our vertical file, and include the Public Affairs Pamphlets, British Information bulletins, and the Chicago Round Table reports, as well as many other special publications. Speaking of magazines, our library contains 414 bound volumes of 22 different magazines. The **National Geographic** goes back as far as 1909.

Not only do we keep magazines for recreation but also for general reference work. Excellent material for term papers can be found in magazines such as **Time, News Week,** and the **Atlantic Monthly.** We receive 40 magazines regularly from gift, State, and school subscriptions.

In addition to our excellently supplied library, RHS students have access to any material in the MSNC library, for we are considered a branch of the College library and have inter-loan service."

The hotel manager walked up to the new guest in the lobby.

"Your room is ready now," he said, "but because of a shortage of help you'll have to make your own bed."

"Oh, I don't mind making my own bed," replied the guest.

"That's fine," said the manager. "Here's a hammer and saw."

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 11 — Romulus here
19 — at Dearborn Lowery
Jan. 9 — at Milan
17 — Flat Rock here
23 — at Chelsea
29 — Saline here
Feb. 6—Dearborn Lowery here
13 — at Lincoln
20 — U. High here
27 — at Dundee
Mar. 4-5-6 District Tournament
11-12-13 Regional Tournament
18-19-20 State Tournament.

Burrr — it's cold outside, but with basketball practice in full swing, it's hot in the gym.

Of the 26 boys out, there are only two lettermen returning from last year's squad, Captain Paul Benson and Fleet Footed Don Vest. Louie Boggs, David Potter and Forrie Davidson, reserve letter holders from last year, will be fighting for a place on the varsity five along with Emil Bair, George Karis, Bill Hermanson, Dan Hickman, Mark Wilson, George Menzi, Vaughn Filsinger, Jim Sutton, and Bill Curtis.

The following boys are out for the reserve team: Jack Hale, Ted Facing, Jerry Leland, Gordon Wallace, Bruce Baker, Stewart Lathers, John Brand, Neale Milsark, Terry Clark, Dick Royal, Harold Battalucco, and Ronald Lancaster.

Coach A. D. Walker has charge of the varsity squad with Andy Brusca coaching the reserve squad.

Both teams have hopes of a successful season this year.

GAA Members Open Volley-ball Season

On Nov. 17, the GAA members played their first game in a series of volley-ball contests. The juniors overpowered the freshmen I team by the score of 26-22. The senior team forfeited its first game to the sophomores.

The following Tuesday, Nov. 25, the sophomore II team conquered the juniors, 24-19. Again, the seniors forfeited their game, this time to the freshmen.

Dec. 2 marked the third volley-ball battle, with the juniors overpowering the freshman II team by a score of 34-31. The freshman I girls captured their first victory by trimming the sophomore II team by the score of 29-28. Since only a few seniors have shown interest, the seniors have no volley-ball team.